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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *AT&T Petition for Declaratory Ruling, WC Docket No. 02-361*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, the CompTel/ASCENT Alliance ("CompTel") hereby gives notice that on January 20, 2004, its representative met with Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin. In this meeting CompTel explained that the Commission, in order to promulgate a coherent policy with respect to VoIP, must decide the AT&T Petition concurrent with the Vonage Petition for Declaratory Ruling, WC Docket No. 03-211. Since originating access charges are not an issue in either petition—AT&T pays originating access, and Vonage originates service over a dedicated data line—both petitions essentially concern the treatment of traffic that comes off an IP network and is routed for termination on the PSTN. It is, therefore, not only reasonable, but also necessary—in order to avoid an inequitable result—that the Commission decide both the AT&T and Vonage Petitions concurrently. Representing CompTel was the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,

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Sr. Vice President,  
Regulatory Affairs